

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

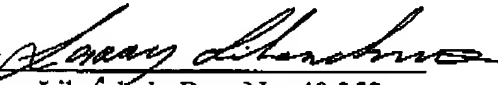
According to the Office Action, claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 USC 112.

Furthermore, claims 1, 5, 10, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC 101. To conclude the prosecution of the application, claims have been amended without conceding any points or waiving any arguments in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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